Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

Tony Goodman
Deputy Headteacher: Quality of Education

Tonight's Objectives:

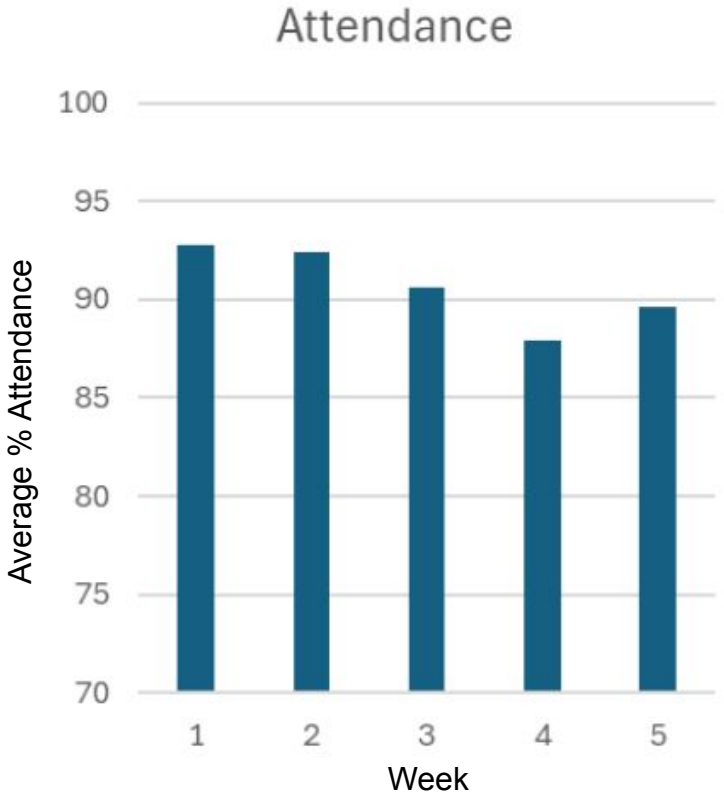
- key dates and deadlines
- strategies to support home learning, including managing workload
- revision techniques
- subject specific information and guidance

Exam Anxieties




THANK
YOU


ATTENDANCE


Attendance
100
95
90
85
80
75
70
Average % Attendance
1
2
3
4
5
Week

Attendance	Progress
99+	0.66
97+	0.45
95+	0.20
Less than 90%	-1.25
Less than 80%	-1.85

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Who's who?



Tony Goodman
Deputy Headteacher:
Quality of Education



Harry Lord
Assistant Headteacher:
Head of Upper School



Alan Mason
Head of Year 11



Alison Boden
KS4 Pastoral Manager



Richard Brennand
SENCO

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Who's who?



Jo Holt
Deputy Headteacher:
Care, Guidance and Support



Paul Ridgway
Senior Assistant Headteacher:
Behaviour and Attitudes

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Who's who?



Khawer Ishtiaq
Curriculum Leader: CBM



Peter Charles
Curriculum Leader: DT



Corinne Fleming
Acting Curriculum Leader: English



Kevin Gibbs
Curriculum Leader: Expressive Arts



Martin Cook
Curriculum Leader: Humanities

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Who's who?



Pierce Sherrington
Curriculum Leader: Maths



Holly Taylor
Curriculum Leader: MFL



Wes Haworth
Curriculum Leader: PE



Andy King
Curriculum Leader: Science

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Key dates for the diary

Thursday 15 October - Sixth Form Open Evening

W.B. Monday 23 November – Mock Exams (two weeks)
W.B. Monday 11 January 2027 - Reports home (including mock exam results)
Wednesday 13 January - Year 11 parents evening

W.B Monday 8 March - 'Light touch' assessments
W.B. Monday 19 April - Reports home (include light touch assessment results)

Monday 10 May – Written GCSE exams start
Wednesday 23 June – Contingency day for GCSE exams (final day of exams)

Thursday 19 August – GCSE results day

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Explaining GCSE grades

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

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Exam Access Arrangements & Special Considerations

Exam Access Arrangements are pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and normal way of working. These include word processor, scribe, extra time etc.

The allocation of these arrangements follow strict guidance set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). If your child is eligible for these, they must use them for all recommended assessments.

Special consideration is given to a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment. If you think your child has been adversely affected through no fault of their own, please contact us to let us know.

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Careers



Mrs Gail Hoban is our Careers Advisor.

Gail works in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Careers Office is opposite G9.

Students can request an appointment via email or drop in during break times.

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Dropping subjects?

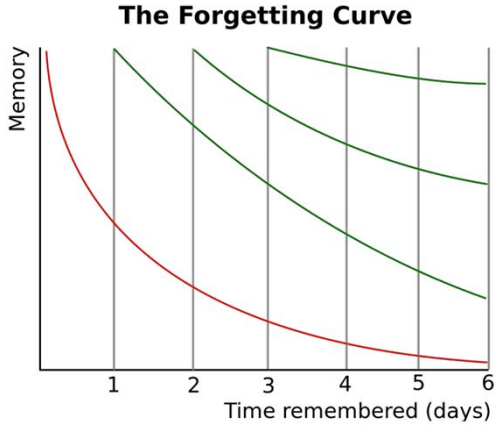


Please note that we do not allow students to drop any subjects, unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

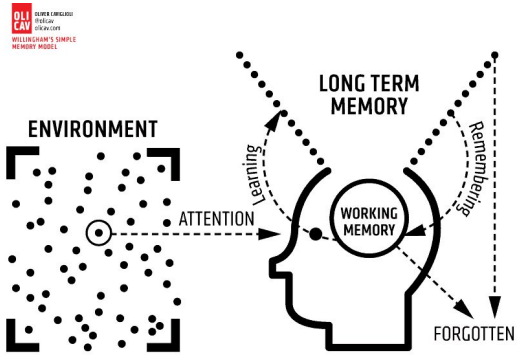

TODAY
REVISION!
1. 2. 3.

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Revision… why?









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The power of persistence






Before you
start

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Equipment



Pencil sharpener





Rubber



Scientific calculator



Pair of compasses



Protractor



Glue stick



30cm ruler





Pencil case



Blue/black pens



Purple pen



Pencils



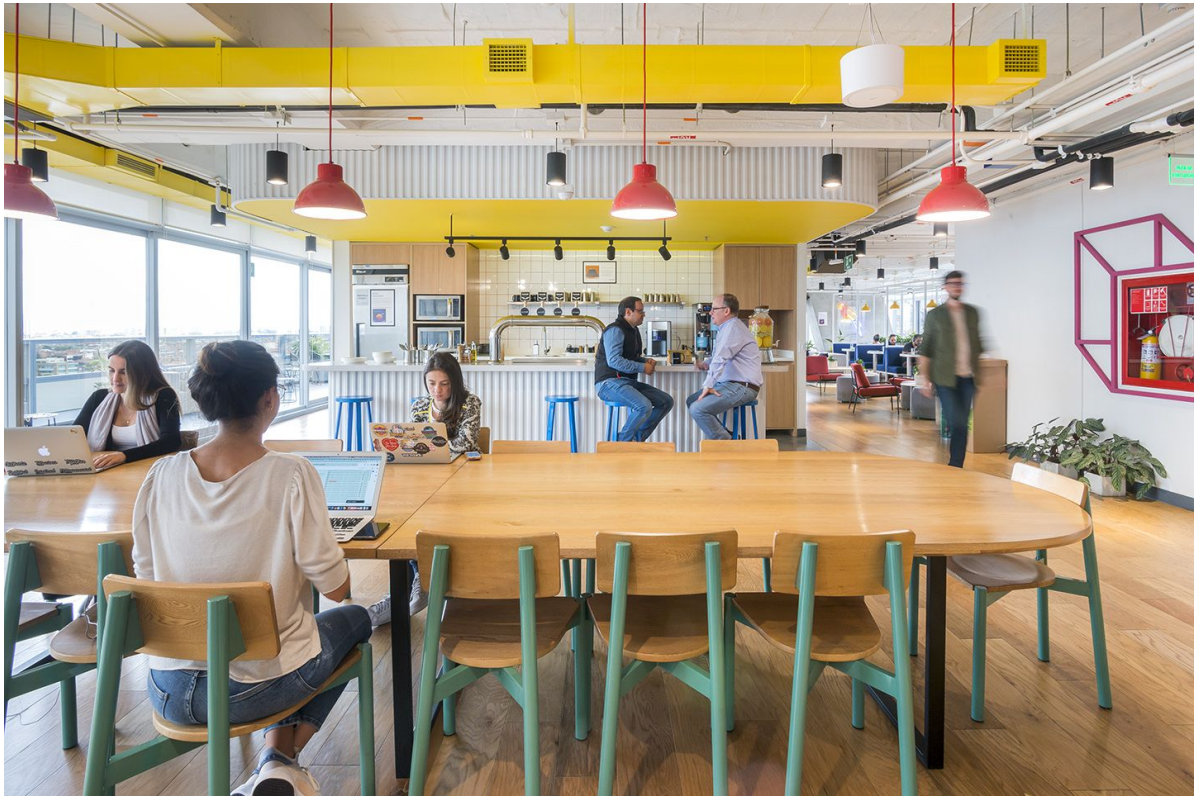
Coloured pencils



Highlighter

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Somewhere to work



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Students need to be kind to themselves!





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Revision timetable

Revision timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4:00-4:25pm					
4:30-4:55pm					
5:00-5:25pm					
5:30-5:55pm					
6:00-6:25pm					
6:30-6:55pm					
7:00-7:25pm					
7:30-7:55pm					
8:00-8:25pm					
8:30-8:55pm					







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In school revision sessions

We get lots of questions about this!

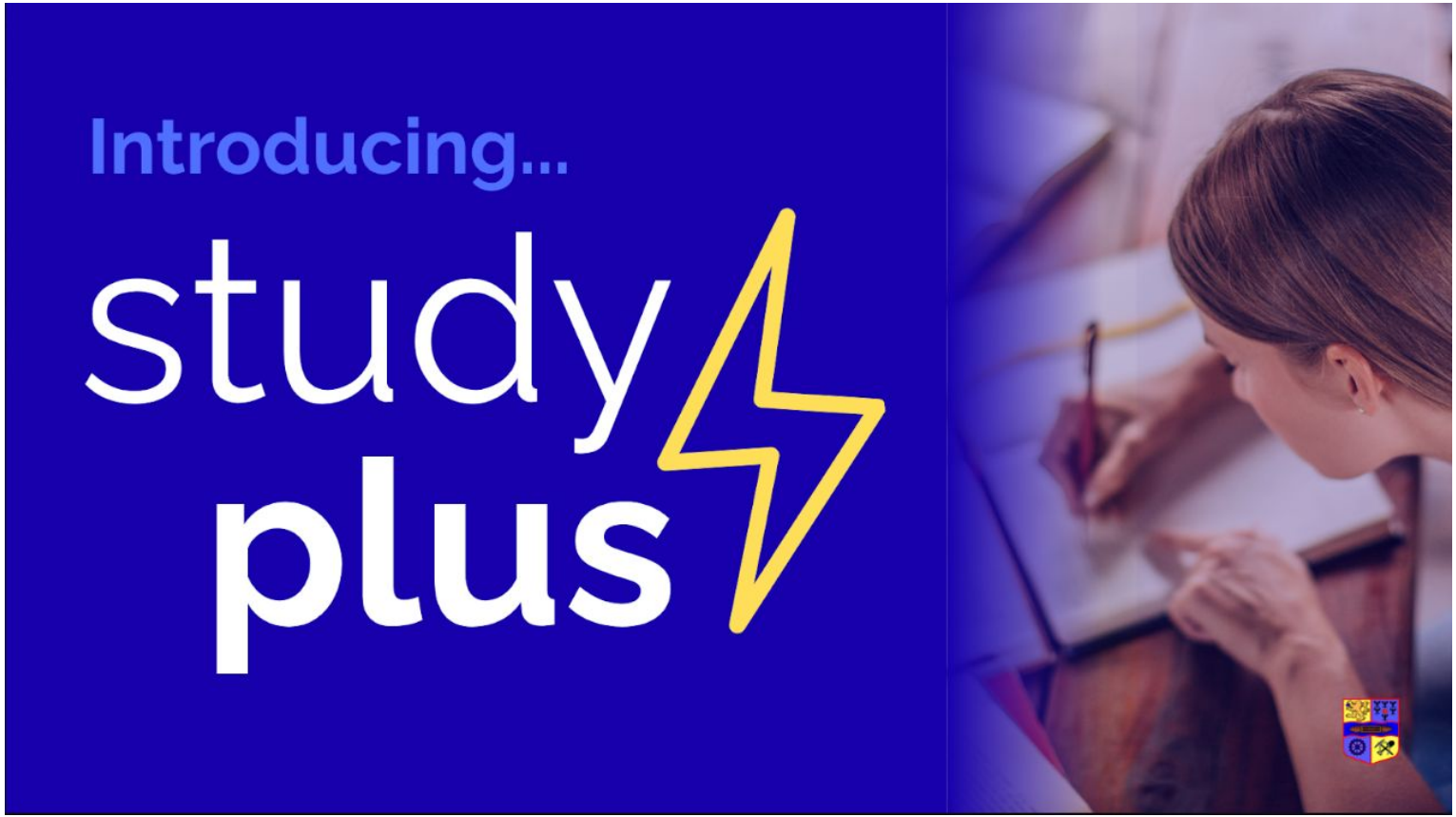
Revision sessions are put on voluntarily by staff so these will only fall on afternoon's when these colleagues are available to run them; regrettably this can result in unavoidable clashes.

Staff will inform their classes of when sessions are on, and the number of sessions running will increase throughout the year as we get closer to the exam season.



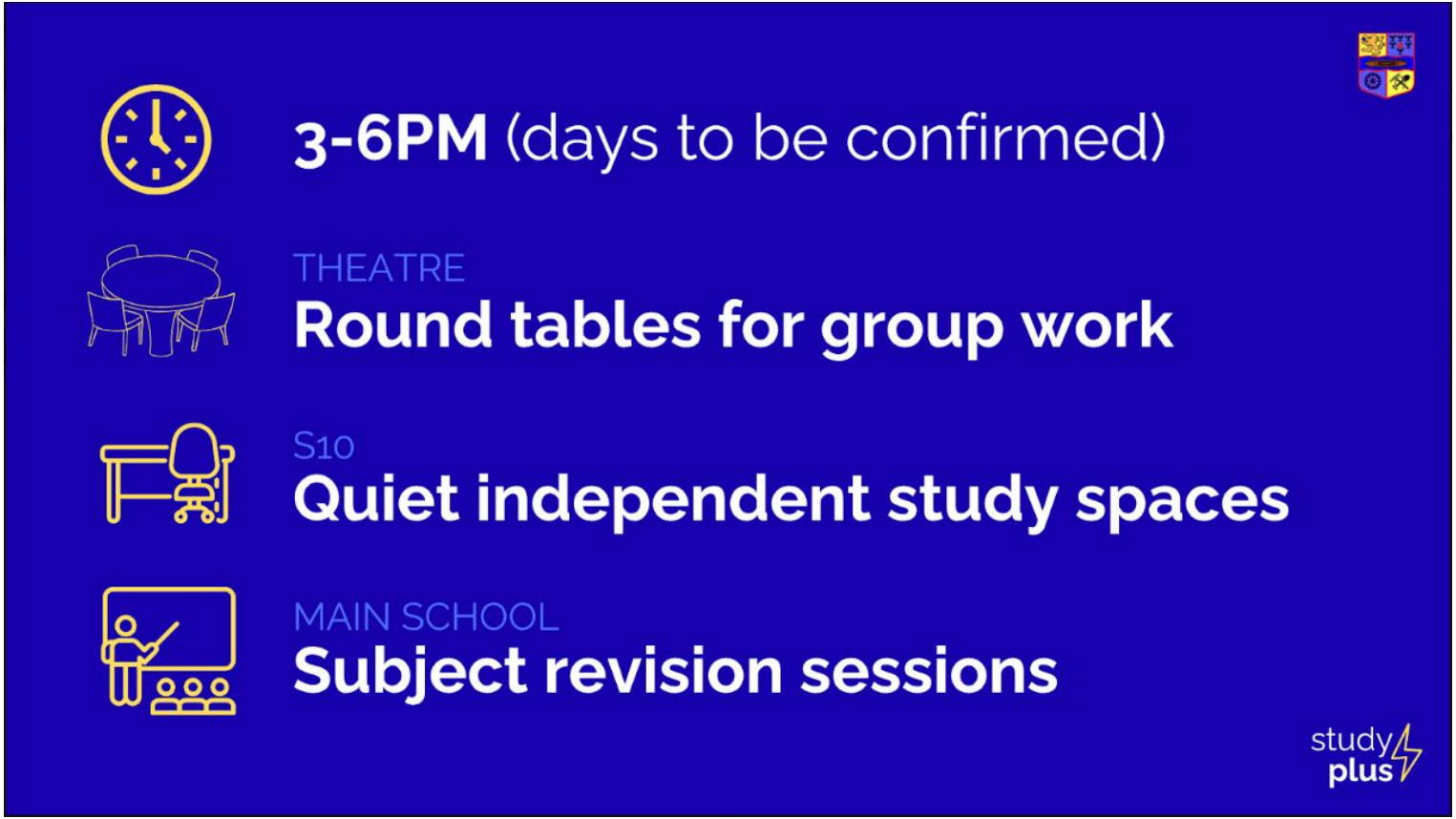
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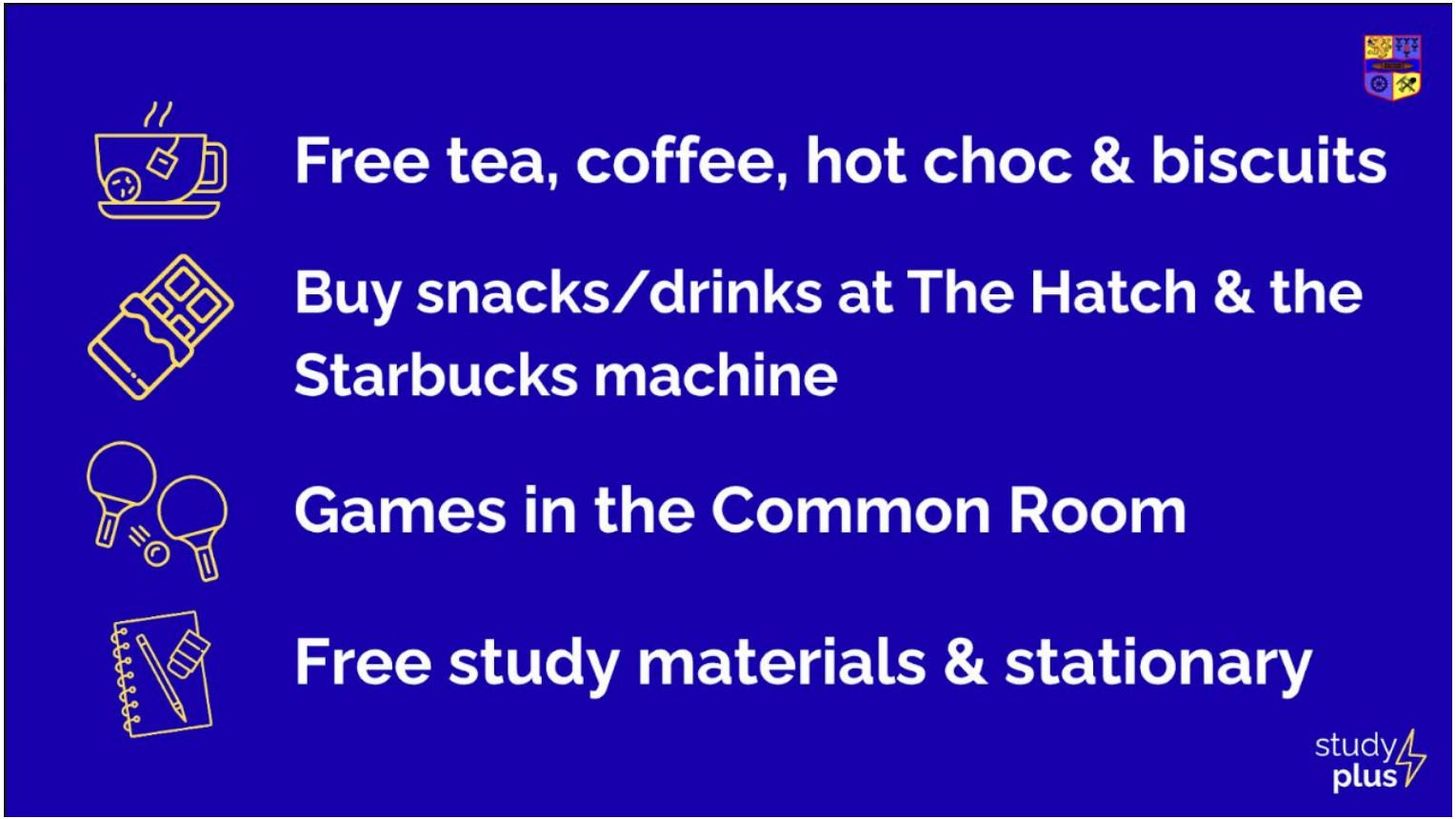
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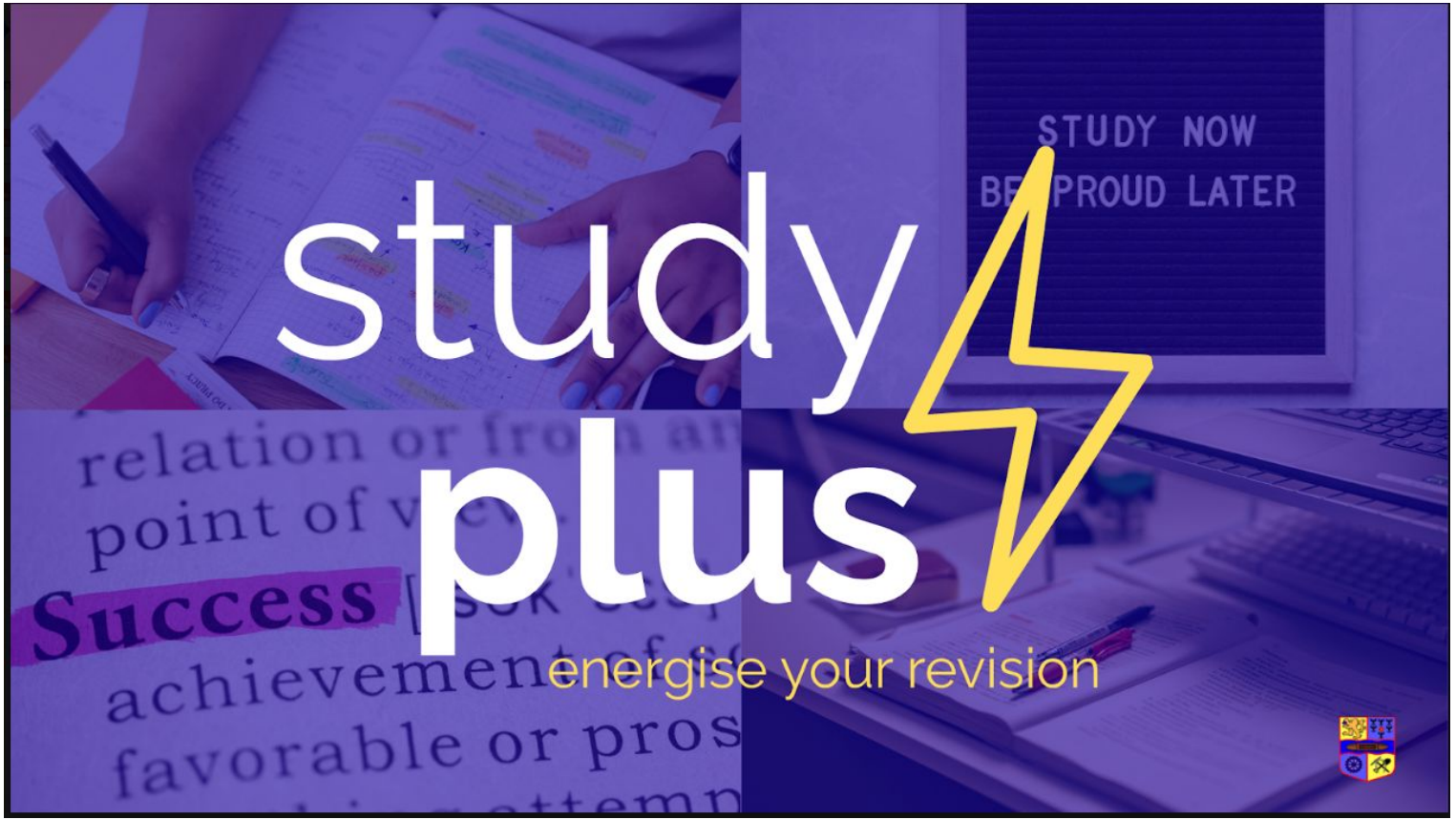

Free tea, coffee, hot choc & biscuits
Buy snacks/drinks at The Hatch & the Starbucks machine
Games in the Common Room
Free study materials & stationary
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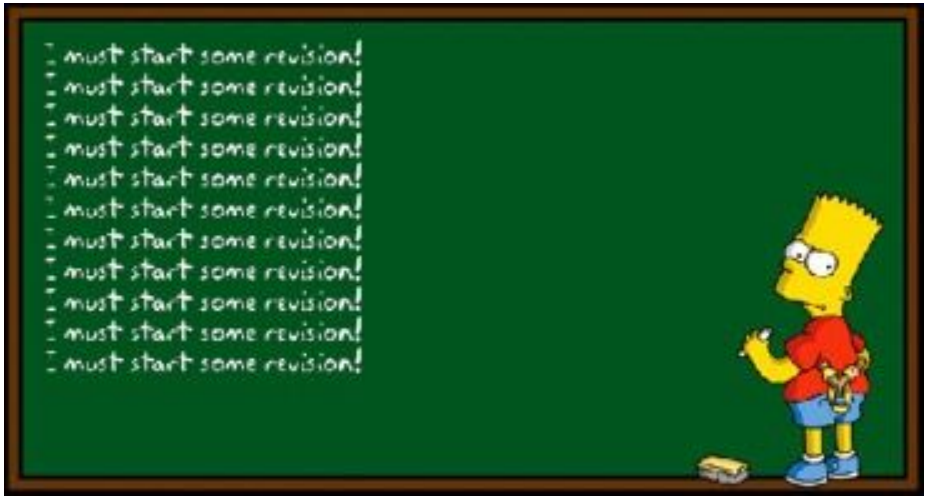


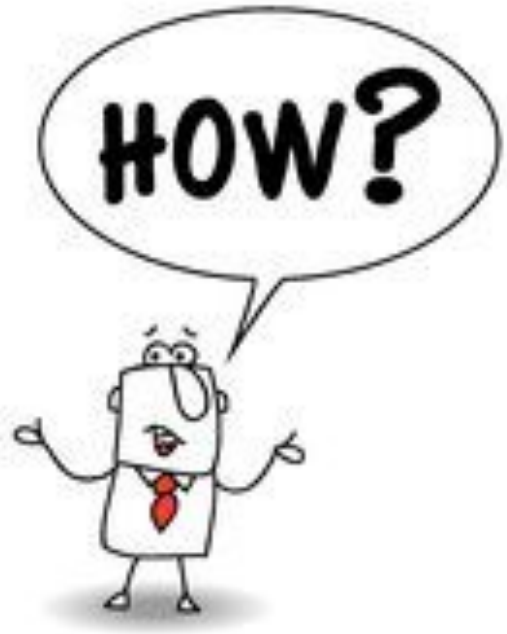
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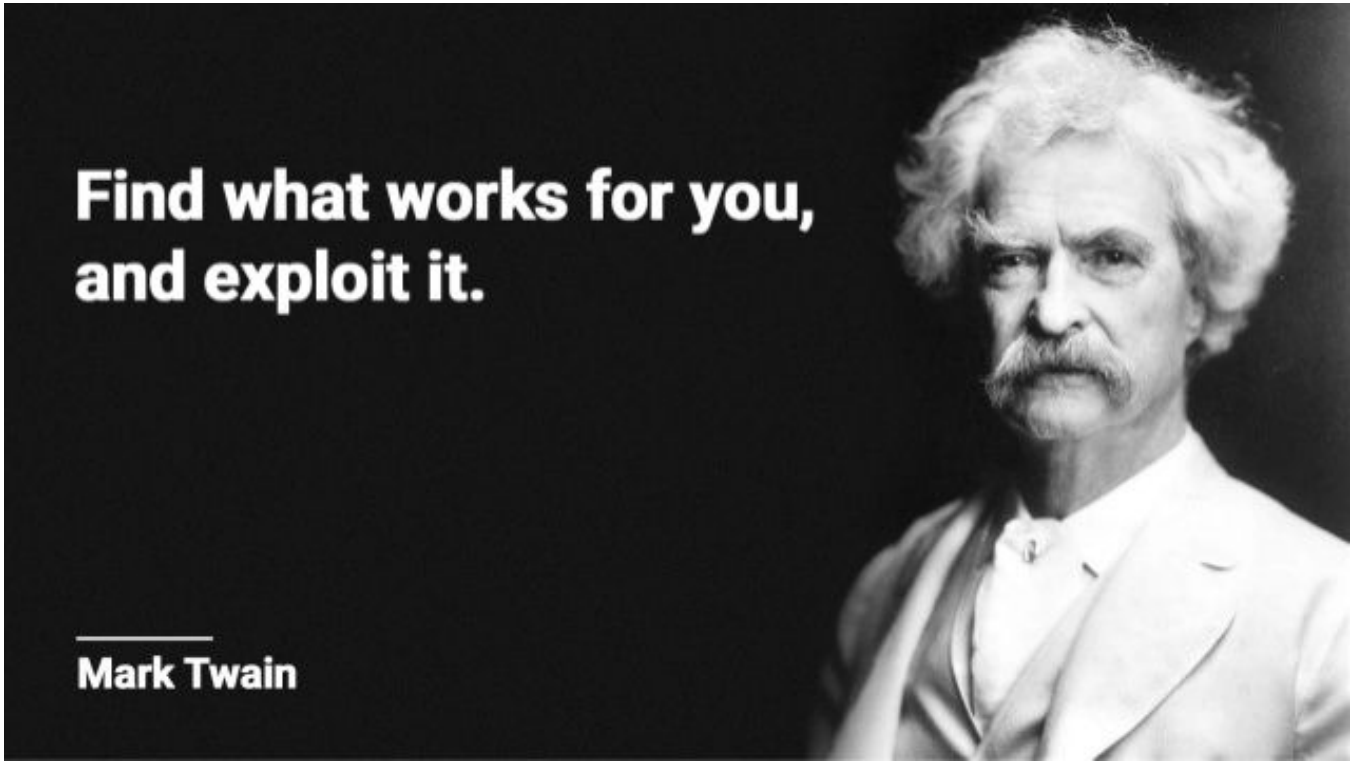
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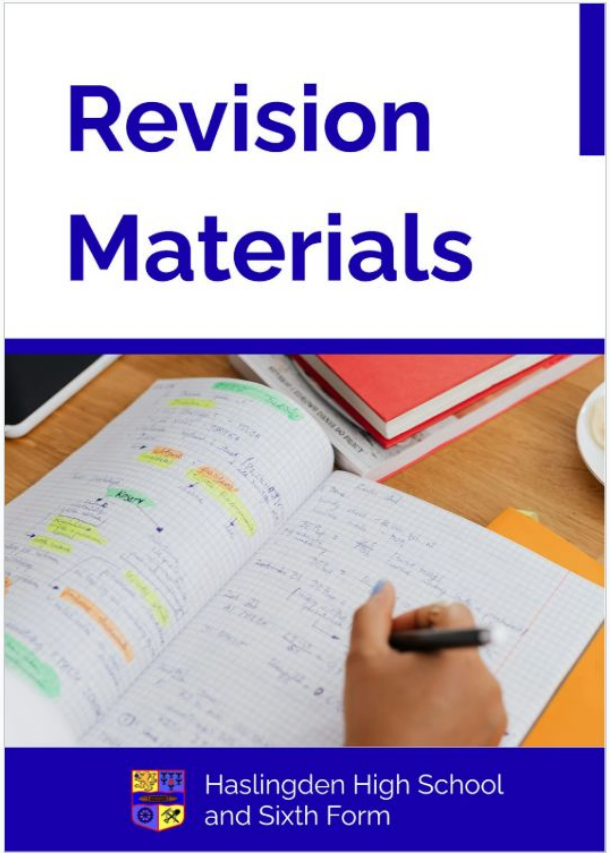
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Subject and student specific!



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Revision Booklet



In order to support students with their revision over the next few months, subject staff have provided the following details of where to source revision materials and guidance. Revision can take a number of different formats, and what works for one student will not necessarily work for another, but there are lots of resources available so there should be something for everyone!

Biology

Exam Board: AQA

Use your exercise book in the first instance, particularly focusing on exam questions.

- **Revision Guides**: We recommend the CGP revision guide for 'GCSE Combined Science' or for 'GCSE Biology' if you are studying Triple Science as an option. Make sure you pick the AQA specification and the correct tier - Higher or Foundation.
- **Educake.co.uk**: All students have a login for Educake, which provides a huge bank of GCSE questions to test recall of knowledge in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- **BBC Bitesize Biology**: Bitesize is a great resource. This link is for AQA Combined Science. Click on it and away you go!
- **Gojimo app**: Revision question cards and quizzes. Select GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology and the AQA exam board. Free and easy to use on your phone or IPad.
- **Free Science Lessons** - Fantastic short videos with all the key concepts covered.

Business Studies

Exam Board: Edexcel

Resources are available on Google Classroom for all ten units studied. These include presentations, knowledge organisers and short questions. The link to BBC Bitesize is in Google Classroom so this is easy to find. The specification with all the subject content is on Google Classroom with the page numbers for paper 1 and paper 2, you can also find the definitions of all the questions stem words and all the formulas that you need to learn in one place. You also have Erevision, which you have been using for homework, you can go over this at any time to revise topics that we have done. There is a selection of past papers already copied in B63 ready for question practice.

Recommended websites:

- BBC Bitesize
- www.businessed.co.uk

Quizzing

Quizlet



Good old fashioned quizzing is an ideal vehicle to get students **self-testing**, which is proven to be a robust revision strategy, so that students can calibrate their knowledge and remembering.

There are lots of apps available!

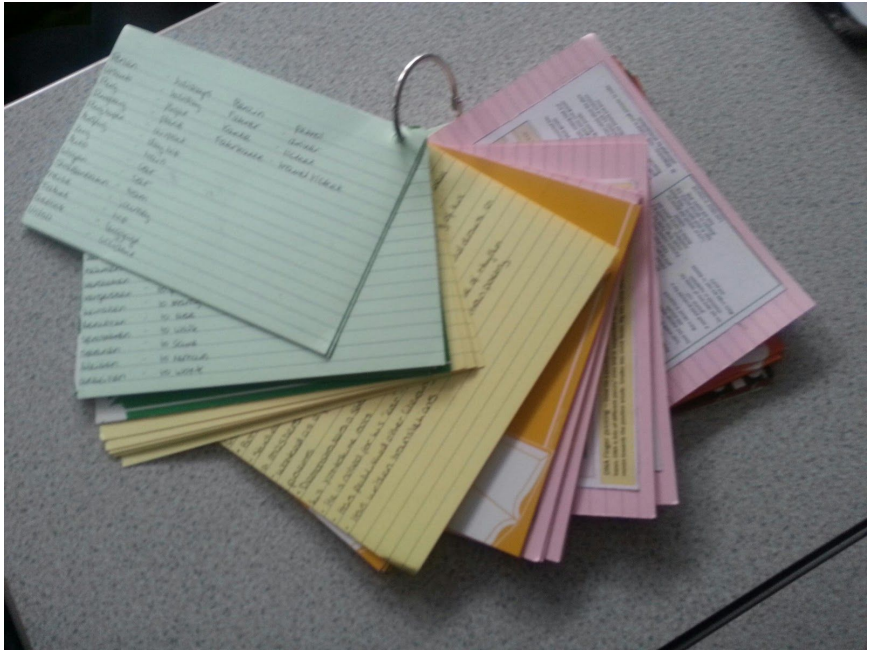
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Flash cards

Flashcards are a very familiar tool used by students.

Crucially, however, too many students fail to use them for effective self-testing.

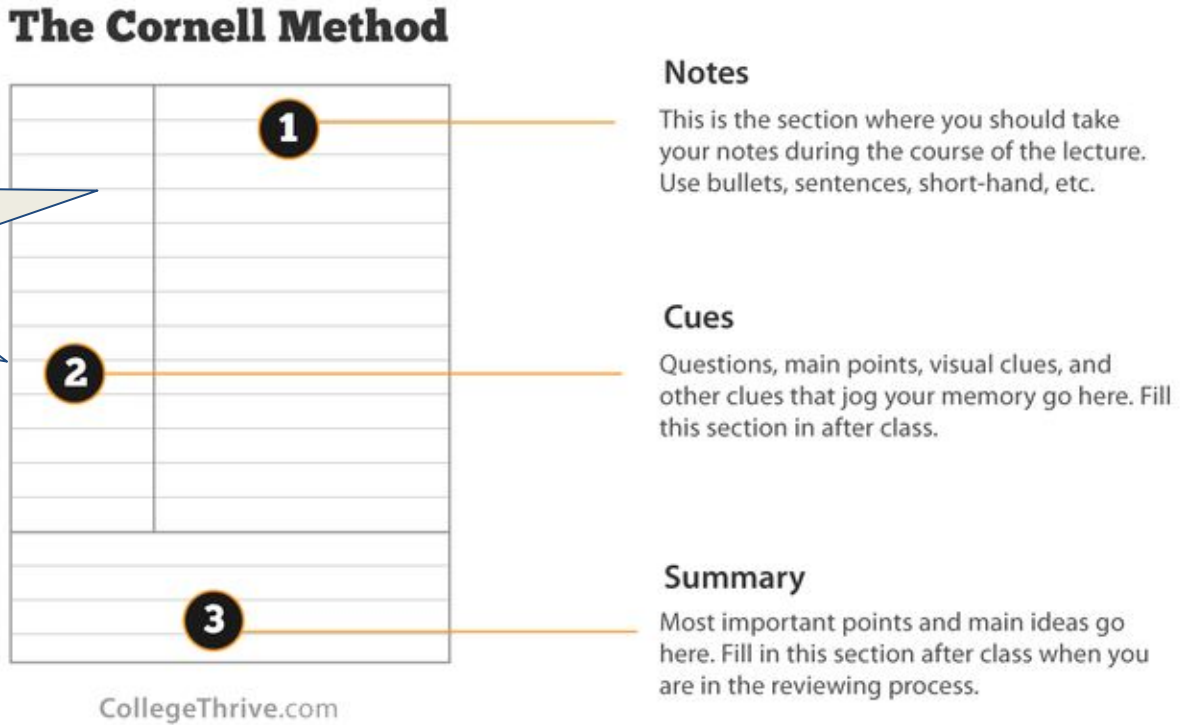
Search ‘how to make and use flashcards’



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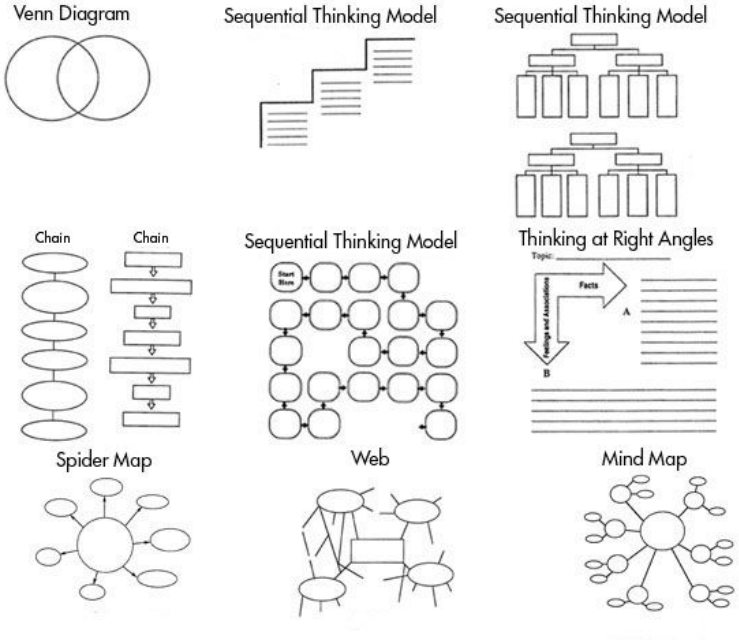
Cornell Note Taking

Search ‘how to use cornell notes to help you revise’



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Graphic Organisers



Students need to be active in revision, not just reading their notes and doing some colouring in with a rainbow of highlighters.

Graphic organisers are a handy vehicle to get students reconstructing their revision topics, making meaningful links and connections.

Search ‘how to use mind maps to revise’
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Revision Clocks

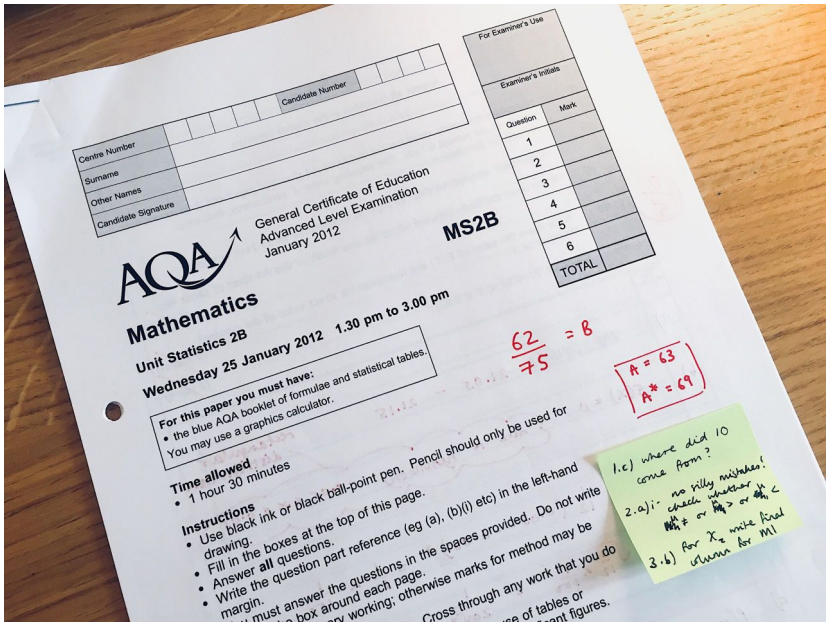
Search ‘how to use revision clocks’



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Past papers

Students need to practice examination questions, over and over, well spaced over time.



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How can you help in subjects YOU may have forgotten?





Metacognition



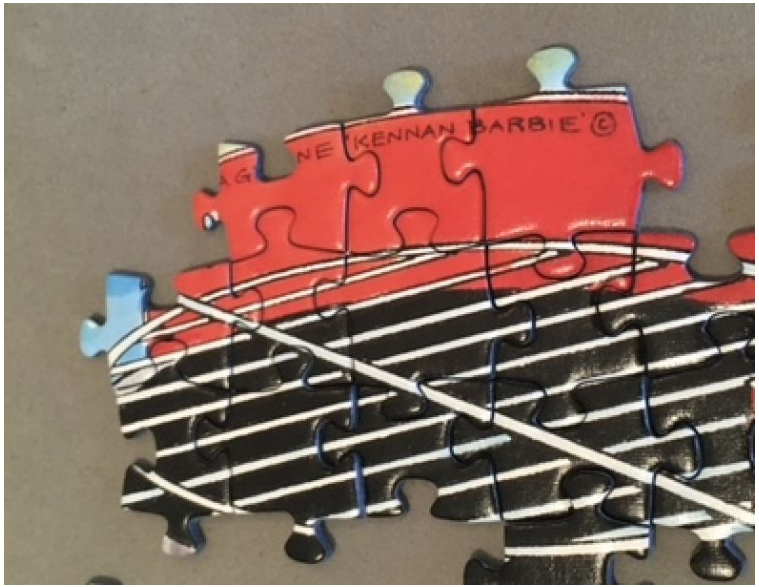


Metacognition





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Metacognition



Success!



Information regarding mock exams for core subjects

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Core Subjects – English Language

Exam board: Eduqas

Mock exam: **GCSE English language component 1: 20th Century Literature reading and creative prose writing.**
1 hour 45 minute exam
This paper is 40% of the GCSE English language qualification

Suggestions for GCSE English language revision:

- ➔ Have you practised responding to a reading paper in timed conditions? Set a timer and attempt to read and respond to the questions.
- ➔ Have you practised creative prose writing tasks?
  - ◆ Look at some of the practice questions, plan a narrative response and then write it up
  - ◆ Practice your proofreading skills when writing your narrative, focusing on SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)

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Core Subjects – English Literature

Exam board: Eduqas

Mock exam: **GCSE English literature component 2: 19th century prose, post 1914 drama and unseen poetry**
2 hours 30 minutes exam
This paper is 60% of the GCSE English literature qualification

Students will be assessed on their knowledge of:

→ Blood Brothers (45 minutes / 40 marks)
→ A Christmas Carol (45 minutes / 40 marks)
→ Unseen Poetry analysis and comparison (60 minutes / 40 marks)

It is a closed book exam, exactly like the real GCSE exam. It is imperative students know:

→ quotations for Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol
→ context for A Christmas Carol.

Students will <u>not</u> be informed of the essay questions.

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Core Subjects – Science (Combined)

Exam board: AQA

Mock exam:

Biology Paper 1 - 1hr 15 minutes - Units 1-4 - Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and Response; Bioenergetics.

Chemistry Paper 1 - 1hr 15 minutes - Units 8-12 - Atomic Structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure and the properties of matter; Quantitative Chemistry; Chemical Changes; Energy Changes.

Physics Paper 1 - 1hr 15 minutes - Units 18-21 - Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; Atomic Structure.

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Core Subjects – Science (Triple)

Exam board: AQA

Mock exam:

AQA GCSE Biology

Biology Paper 1 - 1hr 45 minutes - Units 1-4 - Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and Response; Bioenergetics.

AQA GCSE Chemistry

Chemistry Paper 1 - 1hr 45 minutes - Units 8-12 - Atomic Structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure and the properties of matter; Quantitative Chemistry; Chemical Changes; Energy Changes.

AQA GCSE Physics

Physics Paper 1 - 1hr 45 minutes - Units 18-21 - Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; Atomic Structure.

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Core Subjects – Maths

Exam board: EDEXCEL

Mock exam: 2 papers - each 1 hour 30 minutes
1 Non-calculator, 1 Calculator Paper

Topics vary between papers.

Use revision lists shared by maths teacher, along with past papers and www.Sparxmaths.uk.

Important information and deadlines for other subjects

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Art - Option

Coursework Portfolio = 60%
Practical Exam = 40%

Practical Exam Paper is released on the 1 January 2027

The students choose one starting point from the exam paper and complete prep work towards their final exam in April.

The deadlines:

Both Component 1 (coursework) and Component 2 (exam prep work) are due in April

Practical exam dates: 26, 27, 29 & 30 April (Students will be split into two groups and will do TWO of these four days)

Students will be in the Art rooms all day except for break and lunch times. (A total of 10 hours of controlled assessment)

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Media Studies - Option

NEA/Coursework= 30% deadline 18 December 2026
Component 1 (90 minute exam) = 40%
Component 2 (90 minute exam) = 30%

NEA/Coursework:
The exam board have asked students to complete **EITHER:**

- A dvd cover AND theatrical poster for a spy or romance genre film **OR**
- The front page and a double page article for a lifestyle magazine.

Details about exactly what students should include in this coursework is a foder call C3 NEA on showbie. There is also A LOT of guidance on showbie - use all of this to bank the most coursework marks possible.

The NEAs **MUST** include students' original photography appropriate to the briefs set out by the exam board. Students have been working on this since the summer term of Year 10 and we dedicate one lesson per week on the NEA work in school. **Students must also work on this at home in order to achieve the grades they are capable of and this is also set on Edulink.**

Our final deadline for coursework is Friday 18th December. This enables the NEA submissions to be marked by the class teacher, moderated internally by another member of staff and marks returned to students before submitting the work to the exam board who then moderate the marks awarded.

After school support/catch up/revision will take place on Tuesdays 3-4pm beginning after the October half term.

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PE - Option

Practical Video evidence - all video evidence to be submitted by Friday 18 December.

This includes all the skills in isolation and match, competition performance videos. All students that play a sport outside school have been given a paper copy or an online link of their sport specification. If they are unsure what needs to be recorded they must speak to their PE teacher asap.

The following sports do not need video evidence as we can assess these in school:

Football
Netball
Basketball
Badminton
Trampolining
Handball
Table Tennis
Athletics

PEP written coursework (1500 words)

1st draft - Wednesday 30th September.

All students will then be given a personal feedback sheet to allow them to update their PEP ready for Final completion w/b Monday 4th January

Speaking Tests

These are conducted by class teachers.

Mock speaking tests: wb 22 February and wb 1 March

GCSE speaking tests: wb 19 April and wb 26 April

These are worth 25% of the final grade.

Other Deadlines - Options

GCSE Design Technology NEA Deadline - Friday 19 March 2027

Hospitality & Catering NEA (Practical) Deadline -
Sessions will be between Monday 22 February - Friday 19 March 2027

Health & Social Care NEA Life Events Deadline - Friday 19 March 2027


Thank you


GOOD LUCK